

## EXECUTIVE BILL REPORTED

Carries \$780,861 Less Than the Estimates.

TOTAL AMOUNT IS \$21,562,425

Ten Thousand Salaries Are Provided for and One Hundred and Ninety-Eight Out of the Estimates—A Number of Transfers Authorized. The House of Labor.

Mr. Bingham today reported to the House the legislative, executive and judicial appropriation bill, which is \$750,861 less than the amount asked for in the estimates.

The report filed by Mr. Bingham with the bill sets forth that the estimates upon which the bill is based aggregate \$22,343,286.65, of which amount there is recommended in the bill \$21,562,425.65.

The whole number of salaries specifically provided for in the bill is 17,000, being 193 less than the number estimated for and twenty-five less than the number provided for in the current law.

The bill appropriates for the officers, clerks and other employees in the service of the Senate in the same manner as the law for the current year, except that for session employees the usual reduction is made in their aggregate compensation, growing out of the shorter term of employment during the ensuing short session as compared with the present long session.

Provision is recommended for a stenographic clerk for the clerk of the House, at \$1,200 per annum. Otherwise the bill appropriates for the officers, clerks and other employees in the service of the House in the same manner as the law for the current year, except that for session employees the usual reduction is made in their aggregate compensation, growing out of the shorter term of employment during the ensuing short session as compared with the present long session.

Provision is made for an additional assistant secretary in the executive office, at \$2,500, and for one clerk of Class 2, at \$1,400, in lieu of a clerk of Class 4, at \$1,800, making a net increase of \$2,100.

Three laborers, at \$600 each, are transferred to the Department of State from the office of the superintendent of the State, War and Navy building. The office of the Secretary of the Treasury and the several divisions therein are re-arranged, as desired by the Secretary, and there are also transferred thereto from other offices or bureaus of the department 14 employees, with salaries aggregating \$13,580; a copyist, at \$840, in the loans division, is omitted, and there is transferred from the Secretary's office to the office of the Comptroller of the Currency one clerk of Class 1, at \$1,200, making an apparent, but not real, net increase of 12 employees, with salaries aggregating \$11,840. In addition, two expert accountants, at \$2,000 each, are provided for in the immediate office of the Secretary.

Office Auditor for the War Department—Two clerks of Class 1 are transferred from this office to the appointment division of the Treasury, and one clerk of Class 1 is transferred from the office of the Auditor of the Interior Department to this office.

Office Auditor for the Navy Department—One law clerk, at \$2,000, is omitted, and a laborer at \$600 is transferred to the office of the Secretary of the Treasury.

Office Auditor for the Interior Department—Four clerks of Class 2 are transferred, respectively, to the offices of disbursing clerks in the Treasury, Auditor for the Postoffice Department, Treasurer, and secret service division; two clerks of Class 1 are transferred, respectively, to the office of the Auditor for the War Department and the appointment division of the Treasury; one clerk at \$1,000 is transferred to the appointment division of the Treasury; six clerks of Class 1 are omitted entirely; one clerk at \$1,000 and one clerk at \$800 additional are provided for, making an actual net reduction of four clerks, \$4,300.

Office Auditor for the State and other Departments—An additional clerk of Class 4 and two clerks of Class 3, are provided for.

Office Auditor for the Postoffice Department—A clerk of Class 2 is transferred to this office from the office of Auditor of the Interior Department, and four money-order assistants, at \$840 each, are omitted.

Office of the Treasurer—One clerk of Class 2 is transferred to this office from the office of Auditor of the Interior Department, and six expert accountants, at \$2,000 each, are transferred to the loans division of the Treasury.

Office of the Register—One clerk of Class 2 and one clerk of Class 1 are transferred to the appointment division of the Treasury.

Office of the Commissioner of Internal Revenue—One head of division, at \$2,250 is omitted. Bureau of Navigation—The additional allowance to the clerk designated as deputy commissioner is increased from \$200 to \$400.

Secret Service Division—One clerk of Class 2 is transferred to this division from the office of the Auditor of the Interior Department.

War Department—Office of the Secretary: Provision is made for a clerk to the Secretary, at \$2,400.

Office of the Commissary General—A reduction is made of one clerk of Class 1.

Office of Public Lands—Records of the Reclamation—The appropriation for this bill is omitted, with a view to providing for the concluding of publication of the Records of the Reclamation on the survey civil appropriation bill.

State, War and Navy building—Three laborers at \$600 each are transferred to the State Department.

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## MOURNS FOR HIS WHISKY

Major Thomas Furnished It for the Kentucky's Christening.

FEARS IT HAS BEEN DRUNK UP

He Gave a Bottle of Forty-five-Year-Old Goods to Miss Richardson, Who Sent It to Secretary Herbert. He Considers It Too Good for Most Persons.

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 18.—441 was Major Barak G. Thomas, the veteran turfman, who furnished that bottle of forty-five-year-old whisky which Miss Harriet Richardson sent to Secretary Herbert of the Navy Department, who with Ex-President Cleveland and others of the past Administration, is supposed to have snatched the liquor away. Miss Richardson wanted to show the Secretary the brand with which she purposed to christen the late-tale Kentucky.

The major is highly indignant over the disappearance of the bottle of Bourbon. In an interview today he said: "I want you to ask for me what has become of that whisky. Miss Richardson, whose father was one of my neighbors, came to me and asked for a bottle of my old whisky with which to christen the ship. I told her she could have two bottles if she wanted them, but she replied that one was sufficient."

"I gave her the bottle, understanding that it would be broken over the prow of the Kentucky, and that its choice aroma would blend with the sea foam as it dashes over the prow of the mighty vessel when she glides into the ocean. I very much fear, however, that the whisky has not its fate long ago, and will never be used for the purpose for which it was intended."

"That bottle of whisky has a remarkable history. It was